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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of: ) Date: December 4, 2003  
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 Timothy J. Maloney et al. )  
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 Serial No.: 09/976,714 ) Art Unit: 2838  
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 Filed: October 12, 2001 ) Examiner: Gary L. Laxton  
 For: APPARATUS PROVIDING ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTION  
 HAVING CURRENT SINK TRANSISTORS AND METHOD THEREFOR (as  
 amended)

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop: Fee Amendment  
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to December 5, 2003, from the Office Action dated June 5, 2003. The petition filing fee of \$950.00 is attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please change any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0221. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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